

EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021  
ELECTRONIC MEETING

**Regular Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Hughes – Chair, Brent Tippetts – Co-Chair, David Bradford – Secretary/Clerk

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Jeremy Cook—Legal Counsel, Don Barnett--Barnett Intermountain Consulting

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for February 11, 2021**

MOTION: David Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippetts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Financial Considerations & Report**

Mr. Hawkes gave a summary of the monthly financial considerations and reports. There were no further questions or comments.

### **3. EID's Plan for Water Conservation Efforts – Brent Tippetts**

Brent Tippetts would like to keep an emphasis on water conservation and suggested that the District put something in the April billing notice. The Board agreed.

### **4. Water System Report**

Mr. Barnett reported that the February water usage was very low. It is unclear why the usage was so low. He explained the bleak forecast for the snowpack and potential runoff. After April there will be a better picture of how the water supply may be in the summer. The hope is to have a wet, cool spring to keep the snowpack melting slowly.

### **5. Maintenance Report**

Leak Repair at 382 N Pioneer Ridge Rd

Mr. Hawkes reported that they repaired a leak in the lateral line at 382 N Pioneer Ridge Rd. It will be patched as soon as the moisture is gone. Even with this leak the water usage was down; Mr. Hawkes was not sure why.

Update Well #2 Repair

Mr. Hawkes updated the board members on the status of Well #2. He reported that they were able to scrub the side of the well, let it sit, and then run a camera down. What they discovered is that the gravel pack is at the level where the pump is sitting, around 650 feet. To repair the well they need to bail out the gravel and then recamera the well to see where the problem is. That could take up to three months to complete, due to possible issues getting parts and materials. For now, Peterson Drilling will wrap the pump in a shroud so EID can continue using the well without damaging the pump. The board members agreed to fully repair the well when they are able to do so.

Update UFC Well Repair

Mr. Hawkes reported that UFC Well has been slowly losing production. There may be holes in the production pipe, but it is unclear what is causing the loss. There is no water flow currently

from this well. They will get a rig up to UFC as soon as possible to repair it. All the needed pipe is here, it is simply a matter of time and access. Hopefully, Peterson Drilling will be able to repair Well 2 this week and then move over to UFC. The Board members debated about the timing for repairing Well 2. Mr. Hawkes agreed to ask Peterson Drilling if he would be able to measure the level of the gravel pack and then remeasure after 2 weeks of using that well exclusively.

## **6. Exploration for Future Water Sources – Michael Hughes**

The Board began a conversation about future water sources. They discussed various sites and possibilities. There is a need to look at having another water source to build more redundancy into the system. The Board members and Mr. Barnett discussed several options for drilling a new well. Some of the locations would require speaking to the US Forest Service. They discussed which formation would be the best to use. Brent Tippetts suggested tasking Don Barnett to come up with three alternatives and approximate costs. They would like that to include what the best option is for the Brigham Fork Well. The Brigham Fork Well is still unresolved and they wondered if they should try to go above it, repair it, redrill it, or leave it. Mr. Tippetts urged them to consider finding a way to use Brigham Fork because all the infrastructure is there, and it produced great water for many years. There are problems with pursuing it though, which the Board discussed. The Board agreed to let Mr. Barnett study the options for future water sources and come back with better facts.

## **7. Any Items for Discussion from Board and/or from Visiting Public, Dismiss Public**

Starleen Wood from the audience mentioned that her water smells moldy and wondered if other people are having that same issue. No one else said they had, but Mr. Hawkes said he would send someone out to test her water.

Dave Nimkin asked about the snowpack and its effect on the recharge of the wells. The answer was that Wells 1 and 2 and Brigham Fork seem to be much more responsive to mid elevation snowpack. The Upper Freeze Creek Well seems to be tied into a deeper system.

Ms. Willy Stokman brought up the septic maintenance program and said they may do a notification in April or May. Ms. McAnulty asked about the pilot cluster system. They talked about the importance of making the loans low-interest and as reasonable as possible for the participating residents. The Board suggested that the Sustainability Alliance reach out to John Mackey at the State DEQ. He would be able to give them assistance and advice. Mr. Cook advised them on some options for how to structure the loan for a group septic system. Ms.

Stokman asked if she could do a mailing in the summer to remind people about water conservation. The Board agreed to support them and pay for the mailing.

## **8. Closed Session – Pending Litigation**

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 8:25 to 8:40 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Jeremy Cook.

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Hughes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Minutes Approved

